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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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FINAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrators and Interested Parties:

In March 2015, the Department began the rulemaking process to amend sections of Chapter 388-97 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to comply and be consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process. The revisions clarify the role nursing facilities must take in the PASRR process.

The department recently filed the final Rule-Making Order (CR-103) for Chapter 388-97 WAC with the Office of the Code Reviser. The revised rules will become effective on September 25, 2015 and are published in the Washington State Register as WSR 15-18-026

The CR-103 document and the permanent rules can be found on the AL TSA website: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals>, under the heading "NH Rule Filings".

If you have any questions about these rules, please contact Amy Abbott, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-2581 or at amy.abbott@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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